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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Response to Rule 312 Communication</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 25 October 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) ☒ entered.
- b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.  
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.



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### **DETAILED ACTION**

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 35, 36, 37, 38, 42, 43, 44, 84, 85, 86, 89, 90, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97 and 98 allowed.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: reasons for allowance are in relation to the declaration filed <sup>OCTOBER 14, 2003</sup> ~~December 23, 2003~~.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

#### ***Conclusion***

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to W. David Coleman whose telephone number is 571-272-1856.

The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

5. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Olik Chaudhuri can be reached on 571-272-1855. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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